

## WHEATON URBAN DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 9, 2010

Royce Hansen Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board 8787 Georgia Avenue Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

Dear Dr. Hansen and Members of the Planning Board:

The Wheaton Urban District Advisory Committee (WUDAC) strongly supports the proposed BB&T bank project on University Boulevard at Valley View. This parcel lies just outside of the Wheaton Urban District and is an important part of the gateway to downtown Wheaton. Redevelopment of this parcel sends a clear message that there is interest and excitement in Wheaton.

The BB&T team has been proactive in seeking comments from both WUDAC and the community. We feel this proposal is in the best interest for the continued vitality of the Urban District and gateway area and will greatly improve the quality of life for residents in the area who are now forced to live near three abandoned houses in disrepair.

WUDAC is very pleased BB&T has chosen to remain in Wheaton and invest in the construction of a new bank branch. We hope the approval process for the new BB&T facility is quick and that construction will begin soon.

Sincerely,

Brett Schneider, Chair

